

## PLANS OF THE MASONS

Arrangements for the Centennial of the Death of Washington.

A Programme of Exceptional Interest Arranged—Exercises at Mount Vernon and at the Tomb to Be of the Most Impressive Character. Entertainment of the Guests.

Arrangements in Masonic circles have been nearly completed for the observance of the Centennial of the death of Gen. George Washington. There is complete accord between the committees of the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia and Virginia, and every promise that the occasion will draw a very large attendance of distinguished Masons from many parts of the country.

On the evening of December 12, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will assemble in its annual communication at the Opera House, in Alexandria, and the visiting Masons and invited guests will be entertained there, at Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, and elsewhere.

On the morning of December 14, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Federal Lodge No. 1, of the District of Columbia, and representatives from other grand jurisdictions, and invited guests, together with the civic and military association to conform as nearly as possible to the funeral ceremonies of December 18, 1799, will proceed from Alexandria to Mount Vernon by electric cars and steamboats, leaving Alexandria at 9:30 a. m. sharp.

At Mount Vernon the Masonic bodies will form, together with the invited guests, on the east side of the mansion and proceed to the old vault by the same path and in the same order in which the procession was formed and moved on the day of General Washington's funeral.

### Services at the Tomb.

At the old vault the services will be conducted as follows:

Solemn dirge by the band.

Prayer by Brother the Right Rev. A. M. Randolph, Bishop of the Southern Episcopal Diocese, of Virginia.

Music by octette from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Address by the Grand Master of Masons of Colorado.

The procession will then move to the new vault, in which the remains of General Washington and his wife lie. The Grand Lodge of Virginia will form in a circle around the vault, assisted by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and representatives of other jurisdictions in front, Lodge No. 4, of Virginia on the right; Lodge No. 22, of Virginia, on the left, and Federal Lodge No. 1, of the District of Columbia, in the centre.

Services at the tomb will then be conducted by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, assisted by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and the representatives of the other grand jurisdictions, and will conclude as follows:

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Vocal Music.

Benediction by the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

The procession will then break up and return as individuals to the east front of the mansion, where the Grand Master of Masons of Virginia, will introduce Brother William McKinley, President of the United States, who will make an address. The exercises will close with the hymn, "America," sung by all present.

### Big Guns Will Fire Salutes.

During the ceremonies minute guns will be fired from Fort Washington and from a United States war vessel in the Potomac, opposite Mount Vernon. Military salutes will be fired at the same time on the grounds of Mount Vernon. The funeral services will be identical with those which were held 100 years ago at the same place.

After the address by the Grand Master of Colorado, the grand masters of the thirteen original States will stand in a line in front of the tomb facing out. The grand masters of other States and foreign jurisdictions will stand in a half circle, facing them. The Grand Lodge of Virginia and other Masons are to stand in a circle around the tomb, joining hands.

After the prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Master of Virginia will state the purpose of the assemblage, and ask for greetings and responses from the thirteen original States. After these have been given he will turn to the States from each section, North, East, South, and West, and ask for tributes to the memory of him whose name they celebrate.

At the close of the ritual the grand masters will deposit their evergreen wreaths, and the craft will slowly march by the tomb and do the same. After the benediction the brethren will proceed to the mansion.

### Instructions for the Visitors.

The Virginia Grand Lodge committee makes the following recommendations in its formal circular of announcement:

"As this will be the first gathering together of Masons of the United States and foreign lands in the world's history, it will be proper to entertain them at the close of the exercises at Mount Vernon with a banquet. Obviously the proper place to hold this banquet, because of the national character of Washington, and of the gathering of Masons from this country and other lands on that occasion, will be in the city that bears Washington's name, and which he himself laid out. In this connection, and at the request of your committee, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has appointed a committee of co-operation. Observance of the day will conclude with an immense reception given by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the representatives of the other grand jurisdictions present, probably in the large Convention Hall of that city, to which not only our brethren and all Masonic brethren will be welcomed, but as no Masonic occasion of this kind would be complete without the presence of the wives, sisters, mothers, friends, and sweethearts of the Masonic fraternity, an opportunity will be given at that time and in that way for this most interesting and proper feature in the conclusion of the whole affair."

It is believed the meeting will be one of the most impressive ever held by the Masonic order in America.

### A DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

An Illinois Couple Found Dead in Their Home by Neighbors.

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Nov. 29.—Samuel Coad, a retired capitalist and former township treasurer, yesterday shot and killed his wife and then himself. Coad was sixty-two years old, and his wife thirty.

The dead bodies of the suicide and his victim were found on the floor of their sitting-room by a neighbor. There was a bullet-hole through the head of Mrs. Coad and another through her shoulder. Under her hand was the wooden handle of the stove poker, as though she had sought to defend herself. Mr. Coad lay on his face. Both had previously been married.

Mr. Coad leaves five children, all of them grown, while Mrs. Coad leaves a daughter by her former husband. They were alone in the house at the time of the tragedy. Domestic infidelity was the cause.

The people are beginning to realize that it is better to ask for Heurich's Maizen, Senate, and Lager by their names than the more general way of asking for beer by the terms "dark" or "light," as it is a more sure way of being served with a beverage brewed of the best malt and hops. "Phone 631, Arlington Bottling Co.

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